



LOCAL EDITOR CHECKLIST

_____ Study that was summarized meets the criteria, as outlined in the [GEMs Author Instructions](#)

_____ Title is accurately presented (title first, then citation in AMA format)

_____ Key takeaway is clear and represents the summary of the article

Background information

_____ Current information on topic is provided, and/or

_____ Conflicting evidence on topic is presented

_____ PICO is completed with enough detail and it is clear what the study is about

_____ Study design is described in detail

Methods

_____ Methods section is paraphrased appropriately to avoid instances of plagiarism

_____ Patient demographics and/or description of included patients (diagnostic criteria, disease severity, etc.) is presented with detail

_____ Process of trial is described clearly

_____ Outcomes measured is described clearly

If outcomes are measured via outcome scales or scoring systems, the table includes:

_____ Description of what is measured

_____ Range of possible scores and indication of which end of range equals improvement

_____ Patients in the intervention group is listed and is accurate

_____ Patients in the control/comparison group is listed and is accurate

_____ Length of follow-up period is stated

Results Section

_____ Primary outcome clearly labeled

_____ Statistics provided so magnitude of effect is seen (no floating P-values – ie a P-value with no other data)

_____ Limitations helps cautions readers on what to be aware of

_____ Level of Evidence is written in STEPs format based on the 2011 CEBM Levels of Evidence Table and is accurate